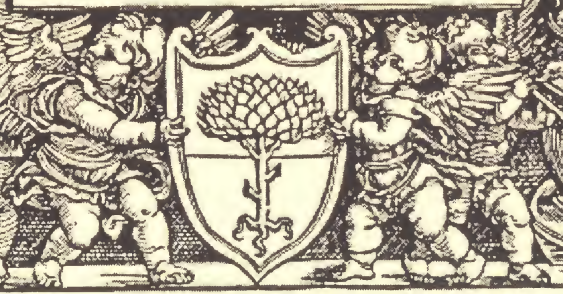


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Preface

"Praise the LORD from the earth, ye dragons . . ."

—*Psalms 148:7*

This work is an introduction to the dark side of Jehovah—the god who is also called Yahweh. The atrocities, brutalities, depravities, and indecencies of biblical mortals are well known—Moses, a lawgiver and a disease victim whose "hand was leprous" (Exodus 4:6), sanctioned murder and rape and ordered his minions to "kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him, but all the women children, that have not known man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves" (Numbers 31:17–18); Joshua, the legendary warlord who led the armed forces of the "children of Israel" into Palestine, committed war crimes and genocide and "destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel commanded" (Joshua 10:40); Lot, remembered for his remarkable escape from the Sodom and Gomorrah holocaust, copulated with his two daughters (Genesis 19:30–38), and "thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father (Genesis 19:36); David, the fabled psalmist and famous ancestor of Jesus of Nazareth, mutilated the penises of 200 murdered Philistines and "brought their foreskins . . . to the king, that he might be the king's son-in-law" (I Samuel 18:27) Jephthah, "a mighty man of valor" (Judges 11:1) who is praised in the New Testament for his "faith" (Hebrews 11:32–33), ritually sacrificed his only daughter, a virgin who "knew no man" (Judges 11:39), and turned her young body into a "burnt offering" to the god of Israel (Judges 11:31)—but the crimes, villainies, and indecencies of Jehovah are rarely discussed. Some of those crimes, villainies, and indecencies—the spoor of a savage deity—will be detailed here.

The selections in this work are all taken from the books of the Christian Old Testament, for the New Testament tends to neglect Jehovah and focus on "one Jesus, which was dead, whom Paul affirmed to be alive" (Festus speaking in Acts 25:19). When Jehovah is mentioned

in the New Testament, of course, the texts indicate that it is still “a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Hebrews 10:31), and his unpleasant side is indicated in II Thessalonians 2:11 (“God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie”), Luke 12:5 (“fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, fear him”), Revelation 14:11 (“the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever”), and a host of additional places. Indeed in the book of Revelation—a veritable chronicle of apocalyptic horrors—the New Testament version of Jehovah exterminates the human race with “hunger” (Revelation 6:8), “earthquake” (Revelation 6:12), “hail and fire mingled with blood” (Revelation 8:7), and other atrocities (e.g., Revelation 9:3–18 and 16:1–21) that will continue until “the flesh of all men, both free and bond, great and small” is destroyed and fed to “fowls” in “the supper of the great God” (Revelation 19:17–21). In spite of these passages, however, it is in the Old Testament that the dark and lethal side of Jehovah is most obvious and most exhaustively discussed, so the books of the Old Testament will be the source quarried for this work. This focus, it should be added, is not unfair, for “all scripture is given by inspiration of God,” wrote St. Paull in II Timothy 3:16, “and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”

The 39 books of the Old Testament are an interesting dispensation—even though Christ claimed: “all that ever came before me are thieves and robbers” (John 10:8). Written over several centuries and completed by the second century before the current era, the books are considered so holy that pious rabbis still follow the venerable practice—grounded in archaic notions of magic and tabu—of washing their hands *after* handling the texts. Taken Together, the writings detail the adventures of a fearsome deity (“before him went the pestilence,” declares Habakuk 3:5) who has “smoke out of his nostrils” (II Samuel 22:9), “fire out of his mouth” (II Samuel 22:10), and “darkness . . . round about him” (Psalms 97:2). Jehovah communicates his power to mankind through a whirlwind (Job 38:1), a burning bush (Exodus 3:4), and even through the lips of a donkey (“the LORD opened the mouth of the ass” in Numbers 22:28). In addition to working innumerable miracles (such as closing “all the wombs in the house of Abimelech” in Genesis 20:18) and issuing some 613 commandments (34 of which have death penalties attached), Jehovah also massacres children, obliterates cities, causes cannibalism, orders rapists to marry their victims, lies to his prophets, and threatens to smear dung on the faces of his priests. Indeed, the actions of Jehovah

appear so criminal the Thomas Paine, the 18th-century author of *The Age of Reason*, claimed, “It is not a God, just and good, but a devil, under the name of God, that the Bible describes.”

All the Old Testament selections cited below come from the King James version of the Bible. This translation can be cryptic at times to the modern reader—when the King James version talks about a plague of “emerods” (I Samuel 5:9), it is referring to hemorrhoids, medically defined as “livid, painful, bleeding lesions about the anus,” and when the King James version talks of “paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses” (Ezekiel 23:20), the text is referring to enormous penises and abundant seminal fluid—but at other times the translation is charming in its clarity. Thus in the King James version, the reader may find this unbowlerized passage in II Kings 18:27:

“Hath he not sent me to the men which sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own dung, and drink their own piss with you?”

Still another example of interesting verbiage is found in Jeremiah 25:27:

“Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Drink ye, and be drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise no more. . . .”

The eloquent English of the King James version, moreover, also captures the brutal hubris of Jehovah, who boasts in these Miltonian terms in Deuteronomy 32: 39–42:

“See now that I, even I, am he, and there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I wound, and I heal: neither is there any that can deliver out of my hand.”

“For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever.”

“If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgement; I will render vengeance to mine enemies, and will reward them that hate me.”

“I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh.”

1 ♦ Evil & Falsehood

Jehovah Creates Evil

I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace and create evil: I the LORD do all these things. —*Isaiah 45:7*

Jehovah Creates Evil for Himself

The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil. —*Proverbs 16:4*

Jehovah Responsible for All Evil

Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not be afraid? Shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done it? —*Amos 3:6*

Jehovah Speaks Evil

Out of the mouth of the most High proceedeth not evil and good? —*Lamentations 3:38*

Jehovah Plots Evil

Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD: Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you. . . . —*Jeremiah 18:11*

Jehovah Makes Man Sin

O LORD, why has thou made us to err from thy ways? —*Isaiah 63:17*

Jehovah Hands Down Bad Laws

Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live . . . to the end that they might know that I am the LORD. —*Ezekiel 20:25-26*

Ye shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself . . . thou mayest sell it unto an alien. —*Deuteronomy 14:21*

Jehovah Sends Evil Spirits

Then God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech. —*Judges 9:23*

But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him. —*I Samuel 16:14*

And it came to pass on the morrow, that the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house. —*I Samuel 18:10*

Jehovah Lies

Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil concerning thee. —*I Kings 22:23* (see also *II Chronicles 18:22*)

O LORD . . . wilt thou be altogether unto me a liar? . . . —*Jeremiah 15:15, 18*

Jehovah Deceives

And if the prophet be deceived when he hath spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet. . . . —*Ezekiel 14:9*

Then said I, Ah, Lord GOD! Surely thou has greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem. . . . —*Jeremiah 4:10*

O LORD, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed. . . . —*Jeremiah 20:7*

2 ♦ Cruelty and Degradation

Jehovah's Cruelty to Children and Pregnant Women

Samaria shall become desolate; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword: their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with children shall be ripped up. —*Hosea 13:16*

Jehovah's Cruelty to Children and Women

Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished. —*Isaiah 13:16*

Jehovah Punishes Children for Misdeeds of their Parents

. . . for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me. . . . —*Exodus 20:5* (see also *Exodus 34:7*)

Jehovah Sells Children into Slavery

I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hands of the sons of Judah. . . . —*Joel 3:8*

Jehovah Sets Wild Animals on Children

And if ye walk contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.

I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children. . . . —*Leviticus 26:21-22*

Jehovah Kills Egyptian Babies

For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and I will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgement: I am the LORD. . . .

And it came to pass, that at midnight the LORD smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. —*Exodus 12:12, 29-30* (see also *Exodus 11:3-6*)

To him that smote Egypt in their firstborn: for his mercy endureth forever. —*Psalms 136:10*

Jehovah Declares Females Unclean

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days. . . .

But if she bear a maid child, then she shall be unclean two weeks. . . . —*Leviticus 12:1-2, 5*

Jehovah as Peeping Tom

Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet:

Therefore the LORD will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts.
—*Isaiah 3:16-17*

Jehovah Commands that Women Be Mutilated

When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets:

Then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall not pity her.
—*Deuteronomy 25:11-12*

Jehovah Orders Women Burned Alive

And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire.
—*Leviticus 21:9*

Jehovah Orders Execution of Non-Virgin Brides

If any man take a wife, and go into her, and hate her . . . and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel:

Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you. —*Deuteronomy 22:13, 20-21*

Jehovah Orders Rapists to Marry Their Victims

If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found; Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days. —*Deuteronomy 22:28-29*

Jehovah Orders Rape in Wartime

When thou goest forth to war against thine enemies, and the LORD thy God hath delivered them into thine hands, and thou hast taken them captive,

And seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and hast a desire unto her . . . thou shalt go in unto her. . . . —*Deuteronomy 21:10-11, 13*

Jehovah Treats Women as Property

Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbor, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun. —*II Samuel 12:11-12*

Jehovah Attempts Murder of Moses

And the LORD said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt. . . .

And it came to pass by the way in the inn, that the LORD met him, and sought to kill him. —*Exodus 4:19, 24*

Jehovah Shows His Backside to Moses

And I will take away mine hand, thou shalt see my back parts: but my face shall not be seen. —*Exodus 33:23*

Jehovah Orders Ezekiel to Make Bread with Dung

Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! Behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.

Then he said unto me, Lo, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread therewith. —*Ezekiel 4:14-15*

Jehovah Orders Isaiah to Walk Naked for Three Years

At the same time spake the LORD by Isaiah the son of Amos, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and putt of thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot.

And the LORD said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years. . . . —*Isaiah 20:2-3*

Jehovah Orders Hosea to Marry a Prostitute

The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hosea. And the LORD said to Hosea, Go take unto thee a wife of whoredoms and children of whoredoms. . . .

So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; which conceived, and bare him a son. —*Hosea 1:2-3*

Jehovah Destroys Two of His Priests

And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not.

And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. —*Leviticus 10:1-2*

Jehovah Threatens to Smear Excrement on the Faces of His Priests

And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you.

If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

Behold, I will corrupt your seed and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts. . . . —*Malachi 2:1-3*

3 ♦ Barbarism

Jehovah Is a God of Fear

Fear ye not me? Saith the LORD: will ye not tremble at my presence? —*Jeremiah 5:22*

Jehovah Causes Cannibalism

And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary to me;

Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.

And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat. —*Leviticus 26:27-29*

Therefore thus saith the LORD God: Behold, I, even I, am against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations.

And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thin abominations.

Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the

sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter into all the winds. —*Ezekiel 5:8-10*

And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine; and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Savior and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. —*Ezekiel 5:8-10*

(Note: Old Testament law, which carefully regulates diet, does not specifically exclude human flesh. Pig and eel are forbidden, and cow and grasshopper are allowed, but human flesh is not mentioned. For a list of tabu food items, see *Leviticus 11:1-47*.)

Jehovah Demands Human Heads

And the LORD said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel.

And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, slay ye every one of his men that were joined unto Baal-Peor. —*Numbers 25:4-5*

(Note: Baal-Peor was a pagan god of the Moabites.)

Jehovah Makes Firstborns Burnt Offerings

Wherefore I gave them also statutes that were not good, and judgments whereby they should not live;

And I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am the LORD. —*Ezekiel 20:25-26*

Jehovah Demands Human Sacrifice

. . . both man and beast . . . every devoted thing is the most holy unto the LORD.

None devoted . . . shall be redeemed; but shall surely be put to death. —*Leviticus 27:28-29*

Jehovah Delights in the Death of His Followers

Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints. —*Psalms 116:15*

4 ♦ Violence

Jehovah Is a God of Assassins

Cursed be he that doeth the work of the LORD deceitfully, and curseth be he that keepeth back his sword from blood. —*Jeremiah 48:10*

Jehovah Orders Massacres

And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and slay every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.

And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. —*Exodus 32:27-28*

Thus saith the Lord of hosts . . . Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass. —*Samuel 15:2-3*

And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Vex the Midianites, and smite them. —*Numbers 25:16-17*

Jehovah Is a God of War

The LORD is a man of war: the LORD is his name. —*Exodus 15:3*

Jehovah Orders Genocide/War Crimes

But of the cities of these people, which the LORD thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save nothing alive that breatheth:

But thou shalt utterly destroy the . . . as the LORD thy God hath commanded thee. —*Deuteronomy 20:16-17*

And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor shew mercy unto them: . . .

And thou shalt consume all the people which the LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: . . .
—*Deuteronomy 7:2, 16*

Jehovah Is a Savage God

The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness.
—*Isaiah 34:6*

Jehovah Commits Atrocities

And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.
—*Zechariah 14:12*

The sword without, and terror within, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the suckling also with the man of gray hairs.
—*Deuteronomy 32:25*

But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go

down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them:

And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah and all their goods.

They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation. —*Numbers 16:30-33*

Jehovah Burns People Alive

And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD: and the LORD heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp.

And the people cried unto Moses; and when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was quenched.

And he called the name of the place Taberah: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them. —*Numbers 11:1-3*

And there came out a fire from the LORD, and consumed the 250 men that offered incense. —*Numbers 16:35*

Jehovah Kills People with Snakes of Fire

And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.

And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. —*Numbers 21:5-6*

Jehovah Kills People with Hemorrhoids ("Emerods")

. . . the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction: and he killed the men of the city, both young and old, and they had emerods in their secret parts. —*I Samuel 5:9*

But the hand of the Lord was heavy upon the people of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and killed them with emerods, even Ashdod and the coasts thereof. —*I Samuel 5:6*

Jehovah Kills 50,070 People

And he smote the men of Beth-Shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men; and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter. —*I Samuel 6:19*

(Note: The ark of the covenant was a box constructed of acacia wood and gold [see *Exodus 25:10–22*] that contained a copy of the law, a jar of manna, and the rod of Aaron.)

Jehovah Kills 70,000 People

So the LORD sent pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men.

And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was destroying, the LORD beheld, and he repented of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed, It is enough, stay now thine hand. . . . —*I Chronicles 21:14–15*

Jehovah Kills 185,000 People in One Night

And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went out, and smote in the camp the Assyrians an hundred four-score and five thousand: and when they arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses. —*II Kings 19:35*

Jehovah Annihilates Cities

Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven;

And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of those cities, and that which grew upon the ground. —*Genesis 19:24–25*

Jehovah Commits Mass Murder (Omnicide—The Great Flood or Deluge)

And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. —*Genesis 6:7*

Jehovah Kills Other Gods (Deicide)

O LORD our God, other lords besides thee have had dominion over us: but by thee only will we make mention of thy name.

They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish. —*Isaiah 26:13–14*

(Note: The authors of the Old Testament, who were apparently henotheists, worshipped one god, but believed that other gods existed. In *Exodus 15:11* the writer declares: "Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods?")

5 ♦ Intolerance and Vulgarity

Jehovah Threatens Death for Honoring Other Gods

He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed. —*Exodus 22:20*

Jehovah Orders His Followers to Murder Family Members and Friends Who Worship Other Gods

If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice

thee secretly saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers:

Namely, of the gods of the people which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth;

Thou shalt not consent unto him, nor harken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him:

But thou shalt surely kill him. . . . —*Deuteronomy 13:6–9*

Jehovah Orders Pagan Prophets Killed—Even If Their Prophecies Are Accurate

If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or wonder,

And that sign or wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them. . . . that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death. . . . —*Deuteronomy 13:1–2, 5*

Jehovah's Jealous Nature

For thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is jealous, is a jealous God. —*Exodus 34:14*

Jehovah Demands the Death of Anyone Who Insults Him

And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD, he shall surely be put to death, and all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as the stranger, as he that is born in the land, when he blasphemeth the name of the LORD, shall be put to death. —*Leviticus 24:16*

Jehovah Uses Vulgar Language

Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; year, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied. —*Ezekiel 16:28*

The word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother;

And they committed whoredoms in Egypt; they committed whoredoms in their youth: there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity. —*Ezekiel 23:1–3*

Thou hast . . . made thy beauty to be abhorred, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passeth by, and multiplied thy whoredoms. —*Ezekiel 16:25*

Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy, as other people: for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved a reward upon every cornfloor. —*Hosea 9:1*

Jehovah Uses a Dildo Metaphor

Thou hast also taken thy fair jewels of my gold and my silver, which I had given thee, and madest to thyself images of men, and didst commit whoredom with them. —*Ezekiel 16:17*

Jehovah's Vulgar Discussions of Large Genitalia

Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians thy neighbors, great of flesh; and hast increased thy whoredoms, to provoke me to anger. —*Ezekiel 16:26*

Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, in calling to remembrance the days of her youth, wherein she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt.

For she doted upon their paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose issue is like the issue of horses. —*Ezekiel 23:19–20*

6 ♦ Prejudice and Bigotry

Jehovah Declares Disabled Persons Profane

For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a fat nose, or any thing superfluous.

Or a man that is brokenfooted, or brokenhanded,
Or crookbackt, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or be scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones broken;

No man that hath a blemish . . . shall come nigh. . . unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries. . .

—*Leviticus 21:18–21, 23*

Jehovah's Prejudice Against Mutilated Males

He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter in the congregation of the LORD. —*Deuteronomy 23:1*

Jehovah's Prejudice Against Those Born Out of Wedlock

A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to his tenth generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the LORD. —*Deuteronomy 23:2*

Jehovah's Favoritism Toward His Followers

For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God; the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. —*Deuteronomy 7:6*

(Note: this favoritism has an unpleasant side. In *Amos 3:1–2*, Jehovah declares to the "children of Israel": "You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.")

Jehovah's Glorification of His Followers

But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. —*Isaiah 61:6*

(Note: The biblical distinction between the "chosen people" and the gentiles is based on religion rather than ethnicity. Thus when Jesus of Nazareth refers to gentiles as "dogs" in *Matthew 15:22–27* and *Mark 7:26–28*, he is demonstrating a theological prejudice.)

Jehovah's Glorification of his Followers and His Degradation of Nonfollowers

And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet: and thou shalt know that I am the Lord. —*Isaiah 49:23*

Jehovah Threatens Those Who Refuse to Bow to Him

And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favor have I had mercy on thee.

Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.

For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted. —*Isaiah 60:10–12*

And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. —*Zechariah 12:9*

7 ♦ The Dark Side of Jehovah

Jehovah Confounded with Satan

Note: Two curious passages in the Bible seem to equate Jehovah and Satan. The passages, which refer to the same event in the history of Israel [King David orders a census of the “chosen people”], are as follows:

The anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them to say, Go, number Israel and Judah.

—*II Samuel 24:1*

And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel. —*I Chronicles 21:1*

Jehovah Is Darkness

Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! To what end is it for you? The day of the LORD is darkness, and not light.

As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house, and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him.

Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? Even very dark, and no brightness in it? —*Amos 5:18–20*

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